--- "Series of 1880-81" - RE-WORKED TOBACCO - (RW) - Montreal Division - 3rd BABN Contract ---

--- lithographed in BROWN ink - 238 x 20 mm. - with 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- inscribed 1/2 over *LICENSE* **and lb. over** No..... **plus** *S.M. Return No. ..... / J. L. Vincent* ***Collector*** **---**

Chris Ryan reports that *J. L. Vincent* replaced *Dunbar Browne* as Collector at Montreal on May 1st 1879.

John McKay records that 60,000 *lithographed* copies of "1/2 lb. Brown re-worked Tobacco" and 7,000 lithographed copies of "1/2 lb. Violet Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). He has grouped the 1880 and 1881 Division "Specific" stamps.

McKay further records that 29,100 *lithographed* copies of "1/2 lb. Violet Ribbon Tobacco" were 'Delivered' under the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892), which was usually reserved for *obsolete* BABN production 'Delivered' to the Department in February / March 1888. As of July 1st 1883, all brown and violet re-worked strips have been declared *obsolete*, and thus many of these sheets were *control-free*. John McKay has grouped the 'brown' and the 'violet' strips in this single entry.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) -	60,000 brown
	7,000 violet
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892) -	29,100 violet and also brown - JBH
	96,100

During February / March 1888, BABN 'Delivered' their remaining 29,100 violet and brown 1/2 pound strips, both *control-numbered* and *control-free*, in perforated and in imperforate form to the Department, and thus originates the multiplicity of Brandom listed strips. I can see no other reason for the existence of a *control-numbered* imperforate strip - it was simply *unfinished stock*. The same can be said for the *control-free* perforated, rouletted and imperforate. They are plainly just anomalies, and they should be collected as such - i.e. not given a separate catalogue number.

The catalogue lists the 1-2 pound, brown, RE-WORKED Montreal strip as follows:

RW-23a - 1-2 pound, brown, perforated 12, Montreal, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RW-24a - 1-2 pound, brown, *coarse roulette*, Montreal, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

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The following strip is a remnant, probably residue from the second TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract**. It has been scissor clipped from an unfinished *unwatermarked* imperforate horizontal mesh sheet. As such, in its finished form, it would have been **RW-23** or **RW-24**. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a catalogue number.

1/2 pound, brown, Imperforate, Montreal Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove paper

--- RW-23a - 1/2 pound - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-numbered* copy of the perforated 1/2 pound brown Montreal Re-Worked strip, printed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper.

RW-23an - 1/2 pound, brown, perforated 12, Montreal Division, *without* control numbering,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

--- RW-24a - 1/2 pound - *coarse roulette* - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RW-24a - 1/2 pound, brown, *coarse roulette*, Montreal Division, control number **002205**,
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove paper

002191	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
002205 ★	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
002208	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
002210	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
002233	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
002234	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
002238	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010136	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010174	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010194	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh
010204	RW-24a	1/2 pound, coarse roulette, block watermarked vertical mesh

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